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10) (amended once) A method of reveling information by a progress monitor during the monitoring of a process comprising the steps of:

- a) defining a progress area;
- b) dividing the progress area into a first part and a second part where the first part of the progress area corresponds to the amount of completion of the process being monitored;
- c) moving the dividing point between the first part and the second part of the progress area as the process progresses
- d) progressively <sup>reveling</sup> reveling information in the first part of the progress area, as the first part of the progress area becomes larger;
- d) repeating steps c and d until the process being monitored has been completed.

### REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are rejected. Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marks (6,097,390) and Nielsen (6,337,699). The prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation "information, in addition to the progress of the process, progressively becoming visible in the first part of the progress area as the first part of the progress area becomes larger". Neither Marks nor Nielsen allow information to progressively becoming visible in the first part of the progress area of a progress monitor as required by claim 1. Therefore claim 1 is allowable as amended.

Claims 2 - 9 are dependent on allowable claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

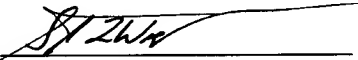
Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marks (6,097,390) and Nielsen (6,337,699). The prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation "progressively reveling information in the first part of the progress area, as the first part of the progress area becomes larger". Neither Marks nor Nielsen progressively revel

information in the first part of the progress area, as the first part of the progress area becomes larger as required by claim 10. Therefore claim 10 is allowable as amended.

This application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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1) (amended once) A progress monitor comprising:

a progress area used to indicate the progress of a process being monitored;

a progress indicator that progressively divides the progress area into a first part of the progress area and a second part of the progress area, where the first part of the progress area corresponds to the amount of completion of the process being monitored;

information, in addition to the progress of the process, progressively becoming visible [visibly displayed] in the first part of the progress area as the first part of the progress area becomes larger.

10) (amended once) A method of reveling information by a progress monitor during the monitoring of a process comprising the steps of:

e) defining a progress area;

f) dividing the progress area into a first part and a second part where the first part of the progress area corresponds to the amount of completion of the process being monitored;

g) moving the dividing point between the first part and the second part of the progress area as the process progresses;

h) [visibly displaying] progressively reveling information [,in addition to the progress of the process,] in the first part of the progress area, as the first part of the progress area becomes larger;

d) repeating steps c [b] and d [c]until the process being monitored has been completed.